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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the notice (copy enclosed) from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(I) for submitting copies of cited U.S. Patents, a copy of the listed U.S. Patent document is not enclosed.

For a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English Abstract and to U.S. Patent No. 5,359,513, which is a counterpart thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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